

Goal of the Portal

“Establish immediately a mechanism, including an internet website, through which a resident of, or small business in, any State may identify affordable health insurance coverage options in that State”

Statutory Basis

- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148), (Affordable Care Act) enacted on March 23, 2010. Section 1103(a), as amended by section 10102(b)
- Health Care Reform Insurance Web Portal Requirements, 45 CFR Part 159, 75 FR 24470

Today's Training

- Explain the data request
- Provide Technical Training on Data Entry
- Answer questions

Nature of Request

- Trying to Minimize the Burden
 - Medicaid, CHIP from CMS
 - High Risk Pools through agreement with NASCHIP
 - Details from Issuers
- Major Medical Product Filings
- Information on how consumers can reach the state

Request for July 1st Release:

General Information

- Contact Information and Guidance
- Does State Use Community Rating or Medical Underwriting
- Does your state have an online comparison tool where we should direct consumers
- If not is there another online site where we should direct consumers for health insurance information
- Contact Information for data submission
- Contact information for data validation

Request for July 1st Release: Issuer & Product Information

- Issuer Name
- Type of product by market (individual / small group)
- Who is your contact with the Issuer
- Number of products offered by type:
 - Fee for Service
 - HMO
 - PPO
 - EPO
 - POS
 - Other

Dates

- Training: Today, May 7, 2010
- Send Log-In information: May 6
- Start data entry: May 6
- Help Desk Opens: May 7
- Deadline for Submissions: May 21
- Open for Validation: May 21
- Release: July 1

Issuer Requirements

- For July 1 Release

- Contact information
- List of All products from state form filings
- Market type and product type
- Whether they are open for enrollment / number enrolled
- Link to benefit summaries

- For October Release

- All open plans
- Benefits
- Pricing
- Plan contact Information

Support

If you need additional assistance, please call
the HIOS Help Desk at
1-877-343-6507

or email them at
insuranceoversight@hhs.gov.

Initial Submission

State Data Submission Template

- You will receive an Excel template and technical instructions on how to complete the data entry.
- Once completed and prior to May 21, 2010, you should email your template to hios_submissions@hhs.gov
- Towards the middle of May, we will begin to process the templates. You will receive an email that either indicates a successful submission or highlights errors with your submission.
 - If there are errors with your submission, you will need to correct the file, and submit the entire corrected file to the same email address.

System Requirements

- Excel 2003 or greater
- We recommend the following for your macro settings:
 - Excel 2003 – Security set to Medium. Select ‘Enable Macros’ upon opening the file
 - Excel 2007 – Security set to ‘Disable all macro with notification’. You must enable the content prior to opening the file

State Data Submission Template

- The state template has 2 tabs:
 - General State Info
 - Gather data about the submitting state and contact information.
 - Issuer & Product Info
 - Gather data about the different issuers in the corresponding state and quantify their offerings within the state.

Data Entry

State General Info

Microsoft Excel - State Data Entry Form.xls

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Worksheet 1 - State General and Contact Information

Validate Validate&Finalize
Format & Print Preview

1. General Information

1) State Name:

2) Underwriting Status:

3a) Does your State have an interactive health plan comparison tool for the Small Group market?
3b) Enter the Website address for the Small Group market comparison tool that includes benefits and prices for discrete plans; or enter the State website address if "No" is entered above.

4a) Does your State have an interactive health plan comparison tool that includes benefits and prices for discrete plans for the Individual market?
4b) Enter the Website address for the Individual market; or enter the State website address if "No" is entered above.

Required
A State must be selected from the list.

2. State Data Submission Contacts

Primary Contact

First Name: Last Name:
Phone Number: Extension:
Email:

Backup Contact

First Name: Last Name:
Phone Number: Extension:
Email:

3. State Data Submission Validation Contacts

Primary Contact

Name: Last Name:
Phone Number: Extension:
Email:

Backup Contact

Name: Last Name:
Phone Number: Extension:
Email:

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Data Entry

State General Info Data Entry Tips

- All fields are required with the exception of the back up contacts.
 - Even though not systematically required, we encourage the data entry of back up contacts.
- If your state does not currently offer comparative online tools, please enter No into cells E6 and E8 and enter your state website address into cells E7 and E9.
- If your state offers interactive online tools, this data will be made public on the web portal.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel application window titled "Microsoft Excel - State Data Entry Form.xls". The active worksheet is "Worksheet 2 - Issuer and Product Information". The spreadsheet contains several tabs at the top: "Validate", "Validate&Finalize", and "Format & Print Preview". The main data area has columns labeled as follows:

- B:** Issuer Name
- C:** Individual/Small Group
- D:** Issuer Data Submission Contact Name
- E:** Issuer Data Submission Contact Phone Number
- F:** Issuer Data Submission Contact Email
- G:** Customer Service Contact Phone Number for Consumers
- H:** No. of Products Offered - Fee-for-Service
- I:** No. of Products Offered - HMO
- J:** No. of Products Offered - PPO
- K:** No. of Products Offered - EPO
- L:** No. of Products Offered - POS
- M:** No. of Products Offered - Other

A validation error message box is visible over cell B5, stating: "Required An Issuer Name with 1 to 40 characters must be entered." The spreadsheet grid extends down to row 44.

Data Entry

Issuer & Product Info Tab

- One row per combination of Issuer/Market type.
- If an Issuer covers both the Individual and Small Market group, you will need to enter 2 rows for that issuer.
- Columns H – M are required; If the issuer does not have any offerings for that product type, enter 0.

Validating your Data

- The State Data Entry workbook has validations built in to help you validate the correctness and accuracy of your data prior to submission.
- It is strongly recommended that you validate your data throughout the data entry process by clicking on the 'Validate' button or by clicking CTRL+SHIFT+V.
- Red circles will appear surrounding the cells that require your attention. A message box will also describe these errors.

Validating your Data

Microsoft Excel - State Data Entry Form.xls

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Validate Validate&Finalize & Print Preview

Worksheet 1 - State General and Contact Information

1. General Information

1) State Name:

2) Underwriting Status:

3a). Does your State have an interactive health plan comparison tool for the Small Group market?

3b). Enter the Website address for the Small Group market comparison tool that includes benefits and prices for discrete plans; or enter the State website address if "No" is entered above.

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Worksheet 1 - State General and Contact Information

Validate Validate&Finalize

Format & Print Preview

1. General Information

1). State Name: CA

2). Underwriting Status: No

3a). Does your State have an interactive health plan comparison tool for the Small Group market? Yes

3b). Enter the Website address for the Small Group market comparison tool that includes benefits and prices for discrete plans; or enter the State website address if "No" is entered

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4a). Does your State have an interactive health plan comparison tool that includes benefits and prices for discrete plans for the Individual market?

4b). Enter the Website address for the Individual market; or enter the State website address if "No" is entered above.

Required
Enter the website address for your Small Group market plan comparison tool or your state address website.

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Correcting your Data

- In some cases, the red circle will disappear upon correcting the data.
- In other cases, you will need to click “Validate” again to verify that the red circle is no longer valid.
- Once you have no red circles, you are ready for the finalization process.

Finalizing your File

- Once all the data is entered and validated, click “Validate&Finalize” or click CTRL+SHIFT+S.
- If there are critical validations that fail, the file will not finalize and an error message will appear.

Finalization – Critical Errors



Finalizing your File

- Once all critical errors have been checked, the finalization process will continue:
 - A new READ ONLY file will be created in the same location as your working file.
 - This file will be generated based on a special naming convention.
 - If you modify the name of the finalized file, it will not be processed.
 - You may name your working file as you wish.
 - **YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR FINALIZED FILE. DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR WORKING FILE; IT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

Next Steps

- Once your file is processed, you will either need to correct the data and resubmit, or verify your data online.
- Online verification of data will be available on 5/21/10. Website information will be made available prior to that date.
- In the near future, you will be able to upload your files directly to the website, as well as edit online.

Access to the Website

- The data submission and validation contacts contained in your submitted templates will be granted access to the Health Insurance Oversight System.

Questions?

- Please contact the HIOS Help Desk at insuranceoversight@hhs.gov